GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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EXPANSION OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has receivedrepresentations for the expansion of university education in the rural and semi-urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto and the extent to which the demands for financing smaller universities are likely to be fulfilled?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986, as modified in 1992, provides that in view of the need to effect an all round improvement in the institutions, it is proposed that, in the near future, the main emphasis will be on the consolidation of and expansion of facilities in, the existing institutions.

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and State Open Universities have launched a number of certificate/diploma/degree programme in various disciplines through Distance Education Mode.Thus, opportunities for higher education are available in every part of the country.

UGC provides financial assistance to all eligible Universities as per the prescribed norms and pattern of assistance.